Road—Enkakkad.

86. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the people of Enkakkad village in Talappalli Taluk had been petitioning the Government for a small road connecting their village with Vadakkancheri proper for the last quarter of a century;

(b) did not the Government provide funds for this road in the budgets of 1105 and 1106;

(c) has the work been undertaken up till date;

(d) if not, what is the reason for the delay;

(e) does the Government know that those who have to go to Vadakkancheri from Enkakkad have to commit trespass over the Railway line;

(f) have there not been occasional cases of accidental deaths by trains running over people in that part of the railway line between Vadakkancheri and Enkakkad?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. The land acquisition proceedings are going on.

(d) There were many counter-petitions and memorials against the selection of the alignment proposed.

(e) People have to cross the Railway line for going to Vadakkancheri from Enkakkad.

(f) Government have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(f) May I know whether this question has been very recently referred to the President of the Vadakkancheri Group Panchayat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That question refers to accidental deaths on the Railway line because of the absence of a road to cross to the other side. My information is that the President has reported that there are occasional deaths like that.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The statement of the Hon'ble Member is noted.

Road from the Shoranur Road.

87. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any portion of the amount sanctioned in the budget of 1106 for constructing a road from 11/7 of the Shoranur road was spent thus far;

(b) if spent, how much and what for;

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(c) if not spent, the reason why the same has not been spent ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The land acquisition proceedings have been delayed owing to memorials from the people against the adoption of the alignment proposed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At what stage is it now ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Awards have been passed yesterday and sent to the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether anything will be done for the construction of the road this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This year there are only ten days more and I do not believe it will be possible for the Government to mark out the land or the contractor to start the works.

Encouragement to Over-sea Service Men.

88. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether they had promised any encouragement to those who returned from over-sea service with proper testimonials ;

(b) will they kindly give a list of those who applied and who got the concession;

(c) whether the Government do not realise that these ex-service men deserve special consideration at the hands of the Government for their supreme sacrifices ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is not possible to prepare exhaustive lists, as the concessions were granted some years ago.

(c) Special consideration used to be shown to ex-army men in the matter of appointments, grant of land, etc. But the concession regarding the grant of land has subsequently been withdrawn. In deciding rival claims to grant of land, military service will, however, be taken into account, other claims being equal.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—With reference to (b), may I know whether there are no records with the Government to show who they are ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There are no connected separate records.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—So there are records?

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